

to Japan during the last three years is as follows :—

(Quantity : Million Tonnes)

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88*
9.452	8 498	7.978
		(*Provisional.)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1988-89, 13.4 million tonnes of iron ore are expected to be exported from Goa to all destinations including Japan.

Committees for Credit to Beneficiaries of IRDP

10972. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 25 January, 1985 to Starred Question No. 100 regarding review of District Lead Bank Scheme and state :

(a) whether the advisory committees at Block level for ensuring smooth flow of credit to the beneficiaries of IRDP have since been set up ;

(b) if so, the number of blocks, State-wise, where such committees have been set up alongwith the names of such blocks, district-wise, in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether any steps would be taken to set up these committees during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c). Government of India, in August, 1983, have issued a letter to all the State Governments suggesting the formation of Advisory Committees at the block level for ensuring smooth flow of credit to the beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The sugges-

tions contained in the letter were recommendatory in nature and not mandatory. Some of the State Governments informed that since in their States a forum already existed at the block/taluka level for over-viewing the implementation of IRDP, a separate Advisory Committee on the lines suggested by Government of India was not necessary.

Tea in Kangra Valley

10973. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any efforts have been made by the Tea Board for the promotion of tea growth in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the promotion of marketing prospects of this tea and to secure its sale in the traditional markets ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether adequate steps would be taken in this regard during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Various activities for the promotion of tea growth in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh have been taken by the Tea Board. Financial assistance has been given in the form of loans and subsidy for development of tea in Kangra valley. This includes loans to Co-operative factories loans under the Tea Machinery Hire Purchase Scheme, subsidy under rejuvenation and consolidated scheme, subsidy for setting up of Nurseries and Demonstration Plots etc. The total financial assistance given as on 31.3.1988 is Rs. 38 96 lakhs under Loan Schemes and Rs. 13 08 Lakhs under Subsidy.

The main problem of marketing prospects for Kangra tea is its poor quality which is used mainly for blending with other good teas both for internal market and export.